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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**Re: Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to  
Request the Commission to Hold a Joint Hearing with the North Carolina Utilities  
Commission to Develop Carbon Plan  
Docket No. 2021-349-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

This letter is written on behalf of our client, the South Carolina Farm Bureau, in response to the November 9, 2021, filing by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP”) (collectively referred to herein as the “Duke Companies”) requesting that the Commission hold a joint proceeding with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (the “NCUC”) to develop a Carbon Plan required by North Carolina General Statute §§ 62-2, 62-30, Part I of Session Law 2021-165 (“HB 951”).

As the Commission is aware, the Duke Companies are requesting expedited treatment from the Commission. In response to this expedited request by the Duke Companies, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, per its November 10, 2021 letter filed with the Commission, has noted that the expedited timeline proposed by the Duke Companies is likely insufficient to allow stakeholders time to evaluate Duke’s request. ORS’s letter further requests that if the Commission determines that a docket should be opened on this matter that it extend the dates allowed for stakeholders to provide comments on the Duke Companies’ proceeding proposal. Specifically, ORS has requested that comments to the proceeding proposal be due, at the earliest, on December 20, 2021 rather than December 3, 2021 with any reply comments being due, at the earliest, January 10, 2022, and the Commission making a determination on the proposal for a joint proceeding no earlier than January 31, 2022.

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The South Carolina Farm Bureau agrees with ORS's position that the timeline proposed by the Duke Companies is insufficient to allow stakeholders to evaluate the request. The South Carolina Farm Bureau and its more than 88,000 members across South Carolina are, of course, concerned about any proposals that may increase the energy costs for its members. In addition, the proposed Carbon Plan that the Duke Companies are requesting be analyzed as part of a joint proceeding is the result of statutory changes from another jurisdiction which have not been followed by the South Carolina Farm Bureau nor its members. The South Carolina Farm Bureau having just received notice of this issue believes that more time is necessary to evaluate the joint proceeding proposal of the Duke Companies and its appropriateness under South Carolina law as well as its potential impact on Farm Bureau members.

For these reasons, the South Carolina Farm Bureau respectfully requests that, if the Commission determines that a docket should be opened in this matter, that the Commission agree to a timeline that is no earlier than the adjusted date proposals set forth in ORS's November 10, 2021 letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Bradley Wright

cc: Parties of record